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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of Llinas-Brunet, M. et al

Appln. No. 09/675,398
Filed: 9/29/00
For: Hepatitis C Inhibitor Tri-Peptides
Atty. Docket No. 13/068-3-D3

Group Art Unit: 1626
Examiner: D. Lambkin

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action April 17, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, lines 19-21, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:

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or **B** is an acyl derivative of formula $\mathbf{R}_4\text{-C(O)-}$; a carboxyl derivative of formula $\mathbf{R}_4\text{-O-C(O)-}$; an amide derivative of formula $\mathbf{R}_4\text{-N}(\mathbf{R}_5)\text{-C(O)-}$; a thioamide derivative of formula $\mathbf{R}_4\text{-N}(\mathbf{R}_5)\text{-C(S)-}$; or a sulfonyl derivative of formula $\mathbf{R}_4\text{-SO}_2$ wherein \mathbf{R}_4

At page 5, lines 8-20, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:

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with the proviso that when **B** is a carboxyl derivative, an amide derivative or a thioamide derivative, \mathbf{R}_4 is not a cycloalkoxy; and

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